

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5           Disclosed is a pharmaceutical composition including a therapeutic  
quantity of a COX-2 inhibitor having an IC<sub>50</sub>-WHMA COX-2/COX-1 ratio  
ranging from about 0.23 to about 3.33 with reduced gastrointestinal and  
cardiovascular toxicity. Also disclosed are methods for treating osteoarthritis,  
rheumatoid arthritis or acute pain with less side-effects and faster onset of  
10       action utilizing the disclosed pharmaceutical composition.

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